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Cheryl A. W. Musgrave, Commissioner
Department of Local Government Finance
Indiana Government Center North
100 North Senate Avenue, N1058(B)
Indianapolis, IN 46204

RE: Property Tax Billing and Assessment Systems Data Request

Dear Commissioner Musgrave,

Enclosed please find the Auditor/Treasurer and Assessor data you requested in your letter of September 26, 2007.

I am very concerned that this request is a precursor for a move to a one state-wide system. I can only speak for the Auditor/Treasurer property tax billing systems but I am very concerned about the enormity of a state-wide system. With all due respect, the state's track record for state-wide systems is far from perfect and you need only to look at the JTAC as a sample. As Governor Daniels has supported and made clear, competition is good and leads to better solutions, better service and better pricing. I fully support establishing rules that all are required to follow.

Your challenges are many and I respect and admire your dedication to solve the many issues you are faced with. I only ask for your thoughtful consideration and investigation before such an important decision is made.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nancy L. Marsh".

Nancy L. Marsh
Hendricks County Auditor